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MY TELNO 422: REAGAN/GORBACHEV SUMMIT: NEWS BLACKOUT

1. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO AND SINCE INTRODUCED A NEWS BLACKOUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ACCORDING TO SPEAKES (US SPOKESMAN), THE DECISION WAS MADE DURING THIS MORNING'S TALKS IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION AND OF THEIR FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS.

2. AS A RESULT THERE WILL BE FEWER PRESS CONFERENCES AND NO PRIVATE MEDIA INTERVIEWS. ONLY SPEAKES OR ZAMYATIN WILL GIVE PRESS CONFERENCES., AND THEY ARE SUPPOSED ONLY TO GIVE DETAILS OF LENGTH OF SESSIONS AND NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS. SPEAKES INSISTED THAT THE DECISION WAS ENTIRELY MUTUAL, AND HINTED THAT THE BLACKOUT WOULD BE LIFTED WHEN THERE WAS SOMETHING OF SUBSTANCE TO REPORT, PROBABLY ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (20 NOVEMBER) OR THURSDAY MORNING (21 NOVEMBER). SOVIET SPOKESMAN LATER CONFIRMED THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. THIS MORNING'S ONE-TO-ONE SESSION LASTED OVER AN HOUR, MUCH LATER THAN EXPECTED.

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